

REMARKS

The present paper presents an amendment to the specification and the claims. Claims 73-105 were pending and under consideration. In this amendment, claims 73-82 and 90-105 are cancelled and claims 83 and 85-88 are amended. Thus, following entry of the present amendment, claims 83-89 are pending and under consideration.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and kindly thanks the Examiner for the same.

I The Amendment to the Specification

The amendment to the specification is reflected in the substitute specification submitted as required by the Examiner. No new matter is presented in the substitute specification.

In particular, Applicant has amended the abstract to more specifically reflect the invention as presently claimed as requested by the Examiner. In addition, the substitute specification reflects the amendments to the specification made in previous papers submitted to the Patent Office as required by the rules of practice and additional minor amendments to correct typographical errors. Accordingly, no new matter is presented in the substitute specification and Applicant respectfully requests that the substitute specification be accepted by the Patent Office.

II. The Amendments to the Claims

In the present paper, claims 73-82 and 90-105 are cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this application or one or more related continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications, and claims 83 and 85-88 are amended. The amendments to claims 83 and 85-88 are fully supported by the application as filed, and therefore present no new matter.

Support for the amendment to claim 83 may be found, for example, in the specification at page 95, line 22 to page 96, line 27 and at page 86, lines 5-26. Support for the amendment to claim 85 may be found, for example, in the specification at page 95, line 22 to page 96, line 27. Support for the amendments to claims 86 and 87 may be found, for example, in the specification at page 95, lines 22-25. Claim 88 has been amended solely to change the dependency of claim 88.

The foregoing demonstrates that the amendments to the claims are fully supported by the application as filed and thus present no new matter. Entry of the amendment to the claims is therefore respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

III. The Rejection of Claims 83-85 and 89 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) is Moot

Claims 83-85 and 89 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) by Fujiwara *et al.* Without acquiescing to the rejection, and solely to expedite prosecution of the claims, Applicant has amended claim 83 to recite subject matter indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant believes the rejection of claims 83-85 and 89 as allegedly anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) is moot and respectfully request its withdrawal.

IV. The Objection to Claims 86-88

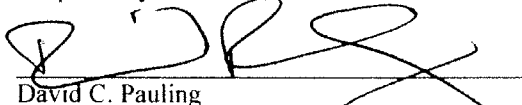
Claims 86-88 stand objected to as allowable but depending from a rejected independent claim. Applicant believes that the objection is moot in view of the amendments to the claims and respectfully request its withdrawal.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 739-3949, if a telephone call could help resolve any outstanding items.

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